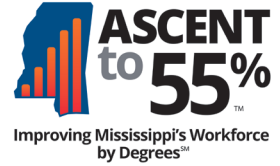


Mississippi's Postsecondary Education Attainment Goal



Mississippi's Attainment Goals:

By 2030, **55%** of working-age adults in Mississippi will have a degree or high-quality credential.

By 2035, **60%** of working-age adults in Mississippi will have a degree or high-quality credential.

60% is the postsecondary goal established by the Southern Regional Education Board for the number of working-age adults in Southern states.
Source: SREB

WHAT WE MEAN BY "COLLEGE"

We think of college as any education beyond high school that leads to financial stability. It can be a four-year degree or beyond, but it can also be a two-year community college degree or a certificate in career and technical education.



11.3% of working-age Mississippians have earned some college credits, but have not completed a degree or credential.

47.6% of Mississippians aged 25-64 have a credential of value, compared to 54.3% nationally.
Source: LUMINA 2024



87% of Mississippi employers believe their current workforce will need additional

training, credentials, certifications or degrees in the next 10-20 years, according to current data from the 2020 MEC Tour.

Source: MEC

The Opportunity:

Every increased percentage point to Mississippi's attainment rate has the potential to net the state

\$20 MILLION



through reduced social service spending and increased state and local taxes.

Source: ITHAKA-SR

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